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SUBJECT: BOYCOTT OF CLASSES AT UP WINS CONCESSIONS

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1. STUDENT BOYCOTT OF CLASSES AT UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) HAS WON CONCESSIONS FROM UP ADMINISTRATION ON CONTROVERSIAL TUTION FEE INCREASE (SEE REFTEL). AFTER A WEEK OF PEACEFUL STUDENT PROTEST, UP BOARD OF REGENTS JUNE 30 RESCINDED INCREASE FOR MIDDLE CLASS STUDENTS. BOARD OF REGENTS ANNOUNCED THAT STUDENTS FROM FAMILIES WITH INCOMES BETWEEN 14,800 AND 30,000 PESOS/YEAR WILL BE GRANTED GRADUATED TUTION DISCOUNTS AND THAT STUDENTS IN THIS CATAGORY WHO HAD ALREADY PAID FULL INCREASE WILL GET REFUNDS. HOWEVER, STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES EARN MORE THAN 30,000 PESOS/YEAR MUST STILL PAY TUTION FEES UP 80-280 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR, DEPENDING UPON THE DEGREE PROGRAM.

2. PARTIAL ROLLBACK CAME ONE WEEK AFTER STUDENT ACTIVISTS ORGANIZED SUCCESSFUL JUNE 24 BOYCOTT OF CLASSES TO PROTEST TUTION INCREASE. BOYCOTT CONTINUED SPORADICALLY THROUGH PAST WEEK, WITH AT LEAST HAFL THE 20,000 STUDENTS AT UP SPURNING CLASSES. MANY STUDENTS INSTEAD ATTENDED SERIES OF TEACH-INS, SEMINARS, AND RALLIES IN WHICH STUDENT LEADERS AND

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FACULTY MEMBERS DENOUNCED TUTION HIKE. PROTESTS WERE NON-VILLENENT BUT VOLATILE, WITH UP ADMINISTRATORS AT ONE POINT BARELY ABLE TO RESTRAIN POLICE FROM MOVING IN TO BREAK UP CHANTING CROWD OF STUDENTS.

3. COMMENT: ROLLBACK OF TUTION INCREASE FOR SOME STUDENTS GIVES NO SATISFACTION TO LARGEST GROUP OF UP

STUDENTRY, NAMELY THOSE FROM WELL-OFF BUT NOT QUITE RICH  
FAMILIES. PARTIAL VICTORY OF UP STUDENT ACTIVISTS EARLY  
IN 1977-78 SCHOOL YEAR SEEMS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER  
PROTESTS AND CREATE NEW HEADACHES FOR MARCOS REGIME.  
INDEED, STUDENT LEADERS WERE QUOTED IN DAILY EXPRESS  
(WHICH REPORTED TUITION ROLLBACK ON FRANT PAGE JULY 1)  
AS SAYING BOYCOTT WILL CONTINUE TO PROTEST UNDEMOCRATIC  
AND ABRUPT MANNER IN WHICH TUITION INCREASE IMPOSED.  
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